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1. Between 9 and 17 January 1955, the following truck columns and individual vehicles were observed passing through Spremberg:

9 January. Twelve trucks jeep and 1 motor vehicle (3/4 tons?) which proceeded toward Cottbus. The trucks were covered by tarpaulins; each of them carried approximately 20 soldiers and 1 driver, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

10 January. Twenty-five trucks which proceeded toward Cottbus. The first two trucks carried approximately 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The driver also wore red-bordered black epaulets.

11 January. Approximately 30 trucks which proceeded presumably toward Cottbus. Most of the trucks were marked as driving scholl vehicles.

14, 15 and 17 January. Four, 1 and 2 closed trucks, respectively, presumably radio trucks, Truck the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets was also seen. 1

2. On 21 January, at least 50 T-34 tanks were seen at the Jueterbog-Damm airfield.

3. On 21 January, a large tent camp occupied by soldiers of AAA units was determined near NeuhoF just east of the Jueterbog-Luckenwalde road. Trucks mounting AA machine guns and four-barreled AA guns were seen near the tents.

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4. At 0520 on 20 January, a shipment from Bernau which was unloaded at the Satzkorn railroad station included: 16 x 122-mm field howitzers, 1 field kitchen, 1 field bakery?, 8 boxcarloads of troops, and 34 trucks

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5. At 2000 on 17 January, a shipment of 6 x 37-mm AA guns, 2 repair shop trucks and 7 trucks, passed through the Potsdam-Wildpark railroad station. The train came from Finow/Mark and proceeded to Jueterbog. 4

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1. Comment. The columns which were observed at driving practice in Spremberg probably belonged to the driving school of the 9th Mecz Div from Cottbus. Most of the motor vehicle are believed to belong to the Third Gds Mecz Army. The motor vehicles referred to as radio trucks are assumed to belong to the 9th Mecz Div.

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2. Comment. vehicles of the IV Arty Corps were concerned. The AAA elements probably belonged to the light regiment of the 32d AAA Div which transferred from Frankfurt/Oder to Jueterbog from 10 to 14 January. The tanks are believed to belong to the 14th/Gds Mecz Div.

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3. Comment. Since one truck belongs to the 10th Gds Tank Div and the others to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, an artillery unit of the 10th Gds Tank Div which engaged in firing practices at Templin and was transferred via Bernau may have been involved. The departure of this unit from Potsdam or Krampnitz has not been observed so far. It is believed

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was dispatched on 19 January. was identical with the abovementioned shipment.

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4. Comment. This was probably an AAA firing detail of the 63d AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from Eberswalde/Finow. After 10 January, numerous light AA units were observed moving to the Jueterbog training grounds.

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